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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. Hei 10-23060 published January 23, 1998 (with statement of relevance) (cited in the present specification)

Japanese Patent Unexamined Publication No. Hei 6-164582 published June 10, 1994 (with statement of relevance)

Instruction Manual of "HIT-3057C Satellite Router with IT-SAT1", Hitachi Information Technology Co., Ltd., 1999 (with statement of relevance)

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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